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SUMMARY

GOG AND OPPOSITION ACCEPT OFFER OF MEDIATION FROM CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES. WEAPONS REPORTEDLY STOLEN FROM GRENADA POLICE STATIONS. WATERFRONT WORKERS STAGE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN ST GEORGE'S. GOG REPORTEDLY FACING DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING EXPENSES. END SUMMARY.

1. GOG AND COMMITTEE OF 22 HAVE RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO OFFER BY CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES TO MEDIATE CURRENT GRENADA DISPUTE, ACCORDING TO CCC ANNOUNCEMENT JAN 30. CCC DELEGATION COMPOSED OF GUYANESE LAWYER MILES FITZPATRICK, RINIDAD
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ARCHBISHOP PANTIN, CARIBBEAN CONGRESS OF LABOR GENSEC BURNS

BONADIE, AND FOURTH MEMBER, NOT YET NAMED, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR GRENADA FEB 1. ALSO PARTICIPATING WILL BE CCC GENSEC ROY NEEHAUL AND CCC PRESS OFFICER MICHAEL RUDDER. IN PRESS INTERVIEW NEEHAUL SAID CCC HAS NO SPECIFIC PLAN FOR SETTLING DISPUTE BUT HOPES TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY GUARANTEES FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FROM AND FOR ALL CONCERNED. COMMITTEE OF 22'S RESPONSE TO OFFER SAID IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT CCC TEAM ARRIVE GRENADA WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS. ACCEPTANCE OF CCC OFFER APPARENTLY SUPERSEDES SIMILAR OFFER MADE BY CARIBBEAN CONGRESS OF LABOR, TO WHICH BOTH GOG AND COMMITTEE OF 22 HAD ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

2. PRESS REPORTS STATEMENT BY REMIER GAIRY THAT SEVERAL POLICE STATIONS IN GRENADA HAVE BEEN RAIDED DURING PAST WEEK AND NUMBER OF WEAPONS STOLEN. GAIRY SAID SEVERAL PERSONS ALREADY ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH RAIDS. LONG TIME FOREIGN RESIDENT IN GRENADA WITH FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN GRENADA WHO RETURNED TO BARBADOS THIS WEEK CLAIMS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS IN PRO-GAIRY STRONGHOLD OF GOUYAVE HEAVILY ARMED, SOME WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS DISTRIBUTED BY GOVERNMENT, AND PREPARED TO PUT DOWN ANY OPPOSITION EFFORT TO DISRUPT FORTHCOMING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. UK GOVT. REP. IN GRENADA REPORTS THAT EFFORT TO SABOTAGE WATER LINE BETWEEN ST PAUL(S) RESERVOIR AND CAPITAL JAN 27 WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND THAT REPAIRS OF MINOR DAMAGE UNDERWAY.

3. SEAMEN AND WATERFRONT WORKERS' UNION REPORTEDLY STAGED PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN ST GEEGE'S JAN 30 WITH ESTIMATED 300 PARTICIPANTS. DEMONSTRATION IS FIRST SINCE THAT OF JAN 21 WHICH ENDED IN CLASH BETWEEN PRO-AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS.

4. PRESS CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT BY HMG THAT NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNOR LEO DEGALE WILL REPRESENT QUEEN DURING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN VIEW CANCELLATION PRINCE RICHARD'S VISIT AND THAT HE WILL BE NAMED GRENADA'S FIRST GOVERNOR GENERAL AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

5. LIAT AIRLINES CURRENTLY OPERATING TWO AND IN SOME CASES THREE FLIGHT DAILY OUT OF GRENADA BUT CONSIDERING REDUCTION IN SERVICE TO CONSERVE FUEL, PROVIDED REDUCED SCHEDULING UNCLASSIFIED

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POSES NO DIFFICULTIES FOR RESIDENTS WISHING TO LEAVE. TRINIDAD-BASED CARIBBEAN UNITED AIRLINES, WHICH NORMALLY OPERATES DAILY FLIGHT BETWEEN GRENADA AND TRINIDAD, HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WILL HENCEFORTH OPERATE ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS ACCORDING TO DEMAND. VIRTUALLY ALL SHORT-TERM AMERICAN VISITORS HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED GRENADA. HOLIDAY INN IS ONLY MAJOR HOTEL STILL OPEN BUT IS NOT ACCEPTING TOURIST BOOKINGS. ONLY TWO US PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS STILL IN GRENADA BUT ARE EXPECTED

IN BARBADOS SHORTLY.

6. GOG REPORTED SHORT OF FUNDS TO MEET IMMEDIATE GOVERNMENT
EXPENSES AND EXPECTED SEEK RELIEF FROM BRITISH. GOG HAS
ALREADY INFORMED TEACHERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS THEY CANNOT BE
PAID THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF FUNDS SHORTAGE.
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